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The Scranton Base Ball club, having, at a meeting held last Tuesday evening, expressed a desire to discontinue with the cooperation of the newspapers of this city in stimulating local interest in the national game, The Tribune will hereafter confine its reports of games at this club's park to the mere news announcement of the result. This, it is believed, will fully satisfy the public's curiosity as to how this peculiarly managed club is progressing toward the inevitable.

What Cokeyism Means.
No matter what view is taken of the cause that have induced vagrant squads of men in various portions of the country to begin a pilgrimage toward Washington, the fact itself will be a striking remembrance in our history. Together with the soup house and the subscription list it will go down to coming generations as one of the first fruits of those glittering promises by which the Democratic party gained its only restoration to power after the war for the preservation of the union. That in an enlightened age, at the latest and most liberal period in the progress of our boasted nineteenth century civilization, in face of all of the conservative and restraining influences which generally diffuse education and culture are supposed to impart, there should, despite the prevalence of universal peace, be such a condition of affairs in the most enlightened nation in the world as would cause many honest and conscientious men not only to accept the uprisings of the rabble as matters of course but should induce them actually to aid these quixotic undertakings in their professed purposes of overthrowing congress until it should "yield late relief to the masses" is an anomaly so stupendous, when we consider its full significance, as to be almost untelligible. What has been the swift and awful mutation in our politics that should, in little more than one short year, sink the most prosperous, progressive and contented nation of the universe down to the level of a fermenting and irrational mass, leavened with the philosophy of anarchy and despair and ready, like the Jack Cades of semi-civilized days, to break forth into any madness promising momentary diversion or spoliation?

If the burden for this change rests even so much as half upon the shoulders of the present administration, Democracy as a ruling political power must be permanently banished from federal authority. If this is one of the natural and logical fruits of the mingled ignorance, spitefulness, obstinacy and sectional greed that have outcropped at every step in the furtherance of the Democratic fiscal policy, dare we ever again, at least during the lifetime of this generation, entrust such politicians with the symbols of power? If, from the fusion of Democracy with anarchism, socialism and typhoid discontent, there are born these evils and their attendant train, can sensible citizens retain a vestige of confidence in that hybrid amalgamation?

The stability of the republic requires that we should get back to solid first principles. This sowing of partisan wind, if it be not soon checked, means the reaping of a whirlwind that will rive and rend.

There is a feeling among Scranton Elks that Wilkes-Barre hospital had until recently been greatly underrated.

SO FAR as the soft coal strike has thus far affected anthracite, it has been to increase somewhat the demand for industrial sizes. If the strike should be prolonged, as many fear it may be, this increase in the demand for anthracite will probably continue and may grow. It would be a policy of wisdom, however, not to count on this increase, but let it come in the nature of an unexpected boom. The tie-up of the bituminous mines is of such uncertain duration as to make it desirable to be very conservative in estimating its good effects upon the mining activities of this region.

There is evidently an impression in Indiana that this is somewhat of a Republican year.

To Regulate Immigration.

One of the admirable legislative propositions before this congress is the bill offered by Representative William A. Stone to perfect the loose restrictions now imposed on immigration. The bill has been reported favorably from the house judiciary committee, but has since been shoved aside through the prolonged inability of the Democratic majority to muster a working quorum. Inasmuch as the Stone bill seems destined to occupy a large place in the forthcoming discussions of this yet unsolved problem, we need offer no excuse for quoting its essential provisions. It provides:

That no alien immigrant shall be admitted within the United States unless he or she shall exhibit to the United States inspectors of arriving immigrants at the place of admission a certificate signed by the United States consul or other authorized representative of the United States at the place nearest where said immigrant last resided, setting forth that the said immigrant is not a person who has been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and that said immigrant does not belong to the class and class of alien immigrants excluded from admission into the United States under the provisions of the Act of congress approved March 3, 1891, or by any other law of the United States which shall be the duty of the United States consul and United States inspectors to enforce. Said immigrant shall, in addition, conform to all present requirements of law. It shall be the duty of the United States consul and United States inspectors to investigate and report to the state department, according to the laws of the United States as aforesaid.

According to the careful favorable report of the house judiciary committee,

the obvious purpose and tenor of this bill is to prevent the criminals and paupers of Europe from being sent indiscriminately and recklessly to the United States. It imposes no real hardship upon the honest and capable newcomers. It sets up no invidious distinctions as to race, sect or creed. It merely places in the hands of our representatives abroad the power to inquire into the fitness of the candidate for immigration, so that if he be not eligible under our laws he may be spared the trouble and expense of a fruitless trip across the Atlantic; and so, also, that Americans may be spared the possibility, which now exists, that unfortunates may, after getting to our shores, be enabled to squeeze through. It is the simplest of truths to say that among the great mass of American citizens there is no narrow prejudice of any kind adverse to the cordial admission into this country of all emigrants, from whatever source, who will add to the wealth, character and patriotism of their adopted country. But it is equally true that when this is said, our duty as a hospitable nation ends. We are under no obligations to accept the criminals and the paupers whom Europe refuses to protect. These classes belong to the nations which develop them. Every nation, like every household, should in this sense take care of its own.

If the lesson of today will induce the American of the future to strike at the polls and head off mischievous legislators who would paralyze home industries by visionary tariff schemes, rather than seek to ruin the business of employers who are already struggling under the burden of financial depression, the country can well afford to bear the present calamities uncomplicatedly.

Puerile Politics.

Those Republican journals at various places in the state who affect to believe that because The Tribune does not approve of cowardly back-biting directed against the candidacy of Representative John B. Robinson, of Media, for lieutenant governor of this commonwealth it therefore desires to shut off pre-convention debate are guilty of a very feeble as well as a very futile quibble. It is one thing to discuss a candidate's merits and demerits in the language common among gentlemen; and it is quite another thing to deal out sharp innuendo and anonymous abuse. We favor the fullest and freest discussion of all the candidates likely to be named at next month's Republican state convention. That is what they announce themselves for. It is eminently fair and proper to talk as much about them as there are real facts to talk about, because in a multitude of counsel there is wisdom.

But this desirable freedom and frankness of comment is far removed from veiled abuse or covert attack. There is no permanent profit to any man or any party in the kind of tactics which has been employed by several newspapers in this state in their efforts to head off the rising Robinson tide. We do not believe for an instant that Walter Lyon or any of his real friends is responsible for this method of counter attack. It is not their style of warfare. They are gentlemen. They are making an honorable fight for a laudable office and are willing equally with Mr. Robinson, to abide the result without whimpering. Therefore, we protest that the policy of the political assassin is equally as unfair to Mr. Lyon himself as it is to the object of these contemptible thrusts in the back. Besides, it is babyish. There is no necessity for it. There is no justification for it. Grown men ought to know better.

HORSE-DEALER COXEY is the best advertised stock-raiser in the country, and it didn't cost a cent. There's method in the madness of a horse jockey.

It is with genuine regret that news is received of the affliction which has overtaken ex-Postmaster General Frank Hutton. Coming Tuesday morning to his office in the handsome new home of his enterprising Washington Post apparently in the best of health and vigor, he was stricken almost immediately with paralysis and for hours lay between life and death. This blow seems doubly terrible when the fact is recalled that Mr. Hutton, at 50, had been one of the most active, brilliant, incisive and capable journalists and men of affairs that our country has produced. His personal affliction is a public misfortune, while that he may recover will be a national hope.

Kodak Culture.

The steps which are being made toward the formation of a local camera club deserve to succeed. That a community possessing such an abundance of picturesque scenes in its every environment as is the happy fortune of Scranton should not have an organization of amateur photographers was an anomaly which time and progress were bound to correct. Apart from possessing great usefulness as a healthful exercise and means of culture, the practice of amateur photography is a most valuable aid to the cultivation of the oft-neglected art of local geography.

It has been very trenchantly remarked by critics of our American common school system that the course of study pursued by it might produce graduates learned in the book-lore of ancient civilizations, but painfully ignorant of their own immediate surroundings. Fortunately a tendency has recently developed toward the correction of this false balance. The taking of groups of pupils out on little scientific excursions is one pleasant recreation now coming into general vogue. There is also a greater effort than formerly to teach local history and local geography, although it seems to us that these objects are still too much neglected.

But the one general means of familiarizing the inhabitants of Scranton with the scenic beauties of Scranton and its vicinity is in the direction of kodak culture, in which pleasant pastime children and grown persons may participate on equal terms. It will be a valuable auxiliary to the educational institutions of this community when 200 amateur photographers of Scranton get banded together for purposes of exhibition and conquest. At next week's reception in the Young Men's Christian Association hall this fledgling organization will initiate the public into the beauties and mysteries

of camera snap shots, and from this auspicious start great progress is expected to evolve.

AFTER ALL the erudite deference which many cultured Americans have paid to the theatrical criticisms of the ponderous London papers, it seems almost ludicrous to read how these same British censors grow leamed, serious and eloquent in praise of the "masterly acting" and "unexpected modesty" of Friar Tuck. Corbett. Modesty, quoth a! Bless them, don't they know the difference between modesty and a newly-landed traveler's sea legs? Wait until brother Corbett gets his second wind; he will talk them deaf, dumb and blind. As for acting, the present champion has been accused of many things here at home but never, to our knowledge, of that.

The Gibbets Are Ready.

There is an adage that he who eats mustard must expect a blistered stomach. In much the same way those who are striving in the senate of the United States to carry favor with the unthinking by putting invidious taxes on the thrifty and thoughtful must not be surprised if the crowd to which they cater shall constantly cry for more, and grow ugly when finally disappointed.

Not even Senator Mills, despite all his eloquence in favor of the vicious income tax, would seriously support a bill to print paper money and pay it to idle men without security or interest. Yet how can he consistently begin the work of a demagogue without following the task to its logical conclusion? There are just as many votes to be won by the politician who should favor the giving of every poor man a bunch of fiat notes as by the scheme to increase the value of the poor man's belongings by exempting them from a just proportion of the expense of government; perhaps more. The one course is precisely as sensible, manly and patriotic as the other. Who knows that the mob which today demands the income tax may not tomorrow demand unlimited fiat money?

The whole amount of this thing is that there is no safety to a republic in the opening of favoritism's legislative doors. The income tax is an attempt of desperate political Jack Sheppard to tickle the prejudices of the rabble by levying a blackmail on men of quality. It is highway robbery under cover of the law, done with a view to making its immoral spoils the stepping stones to public office. Let it not, then, be forgotten that for every such partisan bandit there is a gibbet already rigged forth.

WHEN LACKAWANNA county gets its old court house torn down and a new one built on some other site, the city of Wilkes-Barre will have a handsome park in the very center of the business district. When this time comes, once boastful Scrantonians will not say a word.

THE SCRANTON Base Ball club would like each local newspaper to give it \$50 worth of advertising daily in exchange for a 40 cent ticket, but the idea does not seem to meet with reciprocal enthusiasm.

JOTTED Just in Jest.

"I am sensible of the honor you do me, Mr. Spoonamore, in the proposal of marriage you have just made," said the young woman, with a slight curl of the lip, "but circumstances over which I have no control will compel me to decline the honor."

"What are those circumstances, Miss Grimshaw?" sternly demanded the young man.

"Your circumstances, Mr. Spoonamore,"—Chicago Tribune.

Adapting Themselves to Circumstances.—"Boy—I stare at the picture all the evening when Mr. Squeezes was calling on sister, just as you told me."

Meister.—That's a good boy; and here is the candy I promised you. Did you get tired?

Little Boy.—Oh, no. We played blind man's buff, and it would have been lots of fun, only I was "it" nearly all the time.—Street & Smith's Good News.

Doctor.—You think, then, that it is nervous prostration that your wife has?

Husband.—Yes, I'm sure of it. Do you—Has she had anything that has specially worried her that you know of?

Husband.—Yes; you see she has a new spring bed, and she can never tell when it's on straight.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"What did the critics think of your new opera?" asked the composer's friend.

"They didn't like it," said the composer, "but they liked the music that discouraged me."—Washington Star.

"Well, well," exclaimed the editor, "if that wasn't a queer experience!"

"What was that?" asked the foreman.

"There was a man in here just now who didn't seem to know any more about how a newspaper should be run than I do."—Washington Star.

Minnie.—I shall never marry any man who drinks.

Minnie.—Isn't that a rather risky vow to make, dear? What assurance have you that any sober man will ever propose to you.—Indianapolis Journal.

Puzzled Him.—"What are you studying so hard about?" asked the wife of the roiled ribbed Democrat.

"I was just tryin' to figure out in my own mind whether this man Cleveland is a donkey or the whole."—Indianapolis Journal.

Doctor.—Man slier what made him take forty grains of quinine when I only said ten? Some one made a mistake.

"It was you, doctor, when you told him he could take a swallow of whiskey after each dose."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"So Miss Pichtingale is not going on the stage, after all?"

"She isn't sure about it. Her prospects were splendid, but the judge excluded most of the sensational testimony from her trial."—Washington Star.

"Don't you think society in New York is improving?"

"I don't know about that," was the reply. "But I have certainly noticed a marked and steady elevation in the social tone of Sing Sing."—Washington Star.

man gradually to be his own master.—Sydney Smith.

If martyrdom now is on the decline, it is not because martyrs are less zealous, but because martyr-mongers are more wise.—Colton.

Meet the first beginning; look to the budding mischief before it has time to ripen to maturity.—Shakespeare.

We seek advice in difficulties; but in common speech we are apt to confound it with admonition.—Charles Lamb.

Often do the spirits of great events stride on before the events, and in today already waits tomorrow.—Coleridge.

And though mine arms should conquer twenty worlds, there's a lean fellow beats all conquerors.—Thomas Decker.

Coccyism Has a Serious Phase. Philadelphia Record.

The moment it shall become possible for mobs on the outside to sway the judgment of those whose business it is to legislate inside the walls of the capitol there will be an end of free representative government. The right of petition is sacred, and is open to all; but when this orderly procedure is turned into a species of invasion and of truculent insistence upon certain courses of action, it is time that some remedy should be considered.

One Rhyme in Time. Get ready for the circus. It will soon be here, you know; Though Baram's don't his happy soul Still marches with the show. Renew your bygone's happy day In glimpses of the clown; And grown your girls in peasant glee, As done in Allestown. —Wilkes-Barre Times.

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